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A&M seniors find job hunt process akin to Greek rush

said, and during the presentations there are a variety of the firm's per-

to make a good first impression," Mays-Knapp said. "We're very peo-ple-oriented, and the receptions and

presentations let us see communica-

tion skills before we get the students

D'Ann Wheeler, administrative secretary at A&M's Placement Cen-

ter, said most big firms, not only the

accounting firms, hold receptions and similar gatherings before they interview on campus. For example, Wheeler said, Mobil

Oil Corp. recently held a job fair where they saw more than 5,000 stu-

dents. The corporation served pizza, handed out T-shirts and gave away

The larger companies and firms that recruit at A&M normally an-

nounce their receptions and job fairs

Battalion or by dispersing fliers

around campus. Ricciardello said they also send

messages to the clubs and honor so-

the larger firms use receptions to

make their businesses more success-

"They believe in doing things in a first-class way," Kratchman said. "It's really competitive out there,

and the companies and firms are

cieties related to a certain career. Dr. Stanley Kratchman, faculty vice president of Beta Alpha Psi, said

placing advertisements in The

other small gifts, she said.

'You never have a second chance

sonnel to meet.

in an interview

By Cindy Milton Staff Writer

Graduating seniors looking for jobs may find the job-hunting proc-ess similar to Greek rush, said Jean Ricciardello, president of Beta Alpha Psi, the accounting honor society at Texas A&M.

Ricciardello, a senior accounting major, said big companies, especially the "big eight" accounting firms, make a tremendous effort to impress students looking for jobs by wining and dining them.

'They have receptions so they can t to know you, and after they've had an interview with you, and if they like what you have to offer, they might call you the next time they come to campus and invite you to dinner," she said. "Everything you

Randy Mays-Knapp, recruiting coordinator for Arthur Andersen & Co., a Houston-based accounting firm, said a major recruiting budget is available specifically for impress-ing students the firm interviews.

Arthur Andersen and other big firms host presentations and receptions to educate students about what the firm has to offer, Mays-Knapp said.

These gatherings, she said, give both the firms and the students an opportunity to meet before an interview takes place. Food and drinks at these gather-

ings, she said, make a nice atmosphere — something less structured than an interview and more relaxing for everyone involved.

very careful about who they select to work for them. They want people who are strong not only in grade point averages but also in commu-Firms want to recruit people who can handle social situations well, she nications.

Students hear debate on raising standards for admission to A&M

ful.

By Jenny Hynes Reporter

About 250 students took part in an audience-participation debate conducted by the Texas A&M De-bate Society Wednesday concerning raising Texas A&M's admission standards

The debate, which combined speeches for each side of the question with audience comments, discussed the resolution, "Resolved: That Texas A&M should substantially increase its admission standards

Following discussion the audience voted on the question. The result? A tie of 126 to 126.

Ellen Bristoll, a junior finance ma-jor, spoke for the "pro" side of the question, citing three reasons for raising the standards:

• To improve the quality of campus life.

Bristoll cited lack of enough on-

spected) university and to graduate with a degree," she said. "The GPR of a 3.97 from Southwest is not quite the same as a GPR of a 3.97 from Yale.

Tiffany Sunday, a junior speech communication major, spoke against the resolution, citing three reasons against raising admission standards: • The Scholastic Aptitude Test is unreliable.

Sunday contended that the SAT is biased in favor of male and middleclass students, and that it does not measure a student's intelligence. 'I think the SAT is really teaching

us how to take tests," she said. Attitudes at the high school level create pressure to score well on the SAT

Sunday mentioned parental pressure on students to excel on the test. "The parents say 'I'm a former

Aggie, you're an Aggie, you hit 1,000 on the SAT or else,' " she



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campus housing to accommodate an increasing student enrollment as an area that would be improved. Directing students not qualified to attend A&M to other schools was mentioned as another improvement.

• To increase the student's learn-

ing experience at A&M. Bristoll said classroom standards would be heightened by raising admission standards.

'The professors are going to realize that we're here to learn and they'll teach us at a better level," Bristoll said.

Bristoll said tougher admissions also would draw better professors to the University.

• To improve the marketability of graduates.

Comparing graduates from Ivy-league schools with those from lessrespected colleges, Bristoll said em-ployers would choose someone from the more-respected school, even

with a lower grade-point ratio. Students "They know that the student this issue worked hard to get into the (re- Blocker.

said.

• Pressure to score well on the SAT leads to cheating on the exam.

Paying other students to take the exam is becoming more common as the importance of SAT scores increases, Sunday said.

'It is relatively easy for anybody to walk in (to the SAT) and pass for an-other student," she said.

After Bristoll and Sunday spoke the audience had the opportunity to discuss the question. Participants were encouraged to signify a change in opinion by moving from one side of the room to the other.

Wednesday's program was the second in a series of open debates sponsored by the Department of Speech Communication/Theatre Arts and Student Activities. The first debate, held in September, concerned affirmative action. A Nov. 12 debate will discuss

fundraising by television evangelists. Students may audition to speak on this issue at 7 p.m., Nov. 5 in 608M

\$400,000 advertising blitz launches for supercollider

AUSTIN (AP) - A \$400,000 advertising blitz for the supercollider bond proposal was launched Wednesday, uniting such traditional

rivals as the presidents of the University of Texas and Texas A&M. Political foes — including Sens. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas - also are featured in television commercials that begin airing Friday.

The point is that this is a project that's so important to Texas that everybody across the whole political spectrum and outside the political world...thinks it's a good thing for Texas," said John Deardourff, political consultant who helped create the commercials.

The commercials tout the employment and educational benefits of bringing the supercollider — the na-tion's largest scientific research project - to Texas.

They also urge Texans to ratify Proposition 19, a proposed constitu-tional amendment to issue \$500 million in bonds to make Texas a more attractive site

The \$4.4 billion supercollider, a 52-mile-long underground atom-smasher, will be used in high-energy physics research. Nearly 24 states are competing for the federal pro-ject, which backers say will bring thousands of jobs and enormous scientific prestige to the winning state.

None of the 10 television com-mercials say specifically that the amendment, if ratified, would allow the state to issue \$500 million in general obligation bonds.

Karl Rove, an Austin-based political consultant working for the cam-paign, said backers believe voters understand that point.

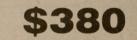
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